Get your endorsement in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL)!
It’s easy!!!

Whether you are an Early Childhood Unified, Elementary Education or Middle level/Secondary major, you are gaining the knowledge and skills you need to be a successful teacher of English language learners! The courses you are completing in your undergraduate degree have been specifically designed to prepare you to meet the needs of ELLs. **Adding the TESOL endorsement to your teaching license will increase your employment opportunities.** You have three options for adding the TESOL endorsement to your license.

**Option 1.** Take all three Praxis exams listed below prior to graduation.
- TESOL endorsement
- Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT)
- Praxis content (specific to your licensure area)
  - Passing the TESOL at this time will allow you to add the endorsement to your initial licensure application.
  - You will pay only one licensure application fee to KSDE if you apply for the TESOL endorsement at the same time you apply for your initial license.
  - The benefit of this option is that you are more marketable across multiple districts, enhancing your prospects of getting hired.

**Option 2.** If you plan to teach in Wichita Public Schools, you can wait to take the TESOL exam until after you get hired.
  - The benefit of this option is USD 259 pays tuition for graduate courses in ESOL.
  - The disadvantage of this option is USD 259 may not hire you. Not all districts provide this benefit to teachers.

**Option 3.** Defer the decision to take the TESOL exam until after you apply for your initial license.
  - The benefit of this option is you can enroll in a 1 credit hour TESOL test prep course offered at WSU. This TESOL test prep course provides additional support for you to be successful in passing the exam.
  - The disadvantage of this option is you will pay an additional licensure application fee to KSDE when you apply for the added TESOL endorsement to your initial license.